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PRIME AGRICULTURE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any stipulated norms for determining `Prime Agriculture Land`;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these norms are stipulated as per the climate of the area; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): There is no separate nomenclature of prime agricultural land under nine fold classification of land use. According to the concepts/definitions of Land Use Statistics, the agricultural land is the land which comprises net area sown, culturable waste land, current fallow, old fallow (fallow land other than current fallow) and land under miscellaneous tree cover. This definition is a standard one and applies to the country as a whole and is independent of climatic characteristics of any region of the country.